

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursdays at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, U.S. Air Forces in Europe's top transporters battle at Spangdahlem Air Base, firefighters at Aviano Air Base, Italy, tackle tough training and more.

News briefs

Frankfurt airport protests

Demonstrations are ongoing in and around Frankfurt, both downtown and at the international airport, through Sunday. A large demonstration is scheduled to take place Saturday, with a potential for violence.

All Americans should remain clear of the airport and the surrounding area.

Airport entrances will be blocked to everyone who does not hold a valid ticket for travel. Please plan extra time and coordinate pick-ups or drop-offs in advance. The overhang or curbside area is the closest non-ticket holders are allowed.

Officials recommend using commercial or military travel, such as the White Swan, to and from the airport.

Clinic closure

Beginning Thursday, the 52nd Medical Group closes the first Thursday of each month for medical readiness training, contingency exercises and commander's calls. Services normally offered on down days, holidays and weekends will still be available. For urgent care, go to the emergency room in the hospital on Bitburg Annex. Call 452-8142 for more information.

Commissary closure

Eifel Commissaries are closed Wednesday for Organization Day. The Spangdahlem Air Base commissary reopens Thursday at 9 a.m. and the commissary at Bitburg Annex reopens Thursday at 10 a.m.

Wing decorations office

Effective Monday, the wing decorations office relocates to the military personnel flight, building 131 on the first floor.

For more information, call 452-6221.

Overheated CDC

The Eifel West Child Development Center is experiencing overheated classrooms this summer because of the recent warm weather.

Air Force Instruction says room temperatures must remain between 68 and 85

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Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

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Tech. Sgt. Mark Sambenedetto, satellite communications technician, takes cover Monday during a firefight at Exercise Summer Warrior. Sitting next to him is a member from the German 3rd Squadron/42nd Surface to Air Missile Group who had just "died" by aggressor fire.

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer

606th ACS -- Summer Warriors

By Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Land mines, protestors, aggressors ... just when you think your day could not get any worse blips pop up on your radarscope. You've got aircraft coming in low and very fast.

Exercise Summer Warrior threw a lot of stuff at the 606th Air Control Squadron this week at Tausnus Kasern in Kemel, Germany. The exercise tested the squadron's ability to deploy to a remote area and set up and maintain a radar site.

For the exercise, the 606th ACS deployed 135 members, along with a variety of radar and other equipment. At the heart of all their equipment was a TPS-75 Ground Controlled Radar. The squadron has two such units it can deploy. The TPS-75 gives squadron members the ability to monitor the skies up to 200 miles out to track enemy and friendly aircraft.

The exercise couldn't have come at a better time, according to Lt. Col. James Dew Jr., 606th ACS commander.

"We have a lot of new airmen in the squadron," Dew said. "Many of these folks had never even been camping before."

After convoying 56 trucks full of equipment from

Spangdahlem Air Base to the exercise site July 25, the squadron held three days of Deployment Initial Response Training, commonly referred to as DIRT.

"We want to try to give them (newcomers) a snap shot of what it's like to be out in the field," said Master Sgt. Rickley Berry, 606th ACS force protection NCO. "We show them how to set up tents and defend the site. Obviously, security is a very important part of that."

The 606th ACS, one of only two such squadrons in Europe, is made up of members from different career fields such as supply, computer maintenance, satellite communications and many others. Berry explained that most new members assigned, while very proficient at their specialty, have never been trained on air base defense to the degree needed for the squadron.

Though new members may benefit the most from DIRT, others from the squadron are also included to ensure they stay proficient and to help pass on their knowledge.

"That experience they bring to it helps train the new folks,"

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DOD, bank agree to changes in credit card terms

Revised agreement includes increased fees for some transactions

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department and Bank of America have agreed to a revised cardholder-terms-and-agreement policy for the government travel card. The agreement takes effect Aug. 10.

The new terms include increased fees for some transactions, according to Michael Weber, Air Force travel card program coordinator.

Although some fees have increased, he predicts only a small number of people will be affected.

"The Air Force has seen a significant decrease in travel credit card delinquencies," he said. "Since January, delinquencies have

dropped from more than 12 percent to currently 5 percent, and we continue to see a decline."

He said people can avoid the higher cash-advance fees simply by using the credit card to charge their lodging, transportation, meals and rental car costs.

"We encourage cardholders to use the card as much as possible and avoid using the ATM for cash advances to pay expenses that

should be charged directly to the card," he said. Nearly all other additional fees will be avoided by paying bills on time and being financially responsible, he added.

New terms include the following:

■ A late fee of \$29 at 75 days past closing date on the statement of the account

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Accidents

(Editor's note: The term airman in this article does not necessarily mean Air Force people in the grades E-1 through E-4, but a generic term for all Air Force members.)

By Staff Sgt. Edward D. Paxton
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

Team Eifel experienced 11 vehicle accidents, five being major ones.

The first major accident happened on B-50, before the Herforst turn-off. An investigation revealed an airman rolled his car when he was forced off the road while trying to avoid an oncoming vehicle. The oncoming car crossed the centerline. The airman wasn't injured, but his vehicle was totaled.

An airman operating a government vehicle had an accident on Perimeter Road, adjacent to the junkyard. An investigation proved that he didn't have enough space to complete the U-turn he was attempting. His vehicle slid into the ditch.

The next happened on L-34 between Schwarzenborn and Eisenschmitt. A military family member was traveling south when an oncoming vehicle crossed the centerline and collided with her vehicle. She was transported to Wittlich Krankenhaus and treated for minor injuries.

The Bernkastle Polizei reported an airman driving a motorcycle was involved in an accident. The investigation revealed he was traveling on L-188 between Zeltingen and Bernkastle when he attempted to pass, avoiding the first two oncoming vehicles and striking the third. He was thrown from his motorcycle 140 meters. He suffered fractures to both legs and was transported to

Bernkastle Krankenhaus.

The last happened on L-46 when a German was stopped to make a left turn into a parking area and was rear-ended by a military family member. No one was injured but the German's vehicle was totaled.

The six minor accidents involved:

■ One animal strike.

■ One involved hitting a fixed object.

■ Two accidents occurred in a parking lot.

■ Three accidents were from inattentive driving.

Also, 27 citations were issued.

Keep in mind these driving tips:

In accordance with U.S. Army Europe regulation governing the display of license plates, owners who operate a privately-owned vehicle displaying license plates that are covered (for example, with plastic, glass), canceled, altered, defaced, forged, or not clearly visible and secured properly are subject to removal of license plates by commanders, MP, or SP and/or reregistering the vehicle.

■ People will have their license suspended for 180 days when they accumulate:

(1) 12 or more points in one year.

(2) 18 or more points in two years

■ Remember, bicyclists, skaters, skateboarders, rollerbladers and scooter users can be cited for failing to wear protective equipment while on the base or in GLH areas.

■ Also, ensure your vehicle is registered, insured, and that you possess a USAREUR license before operating a motor vehicle.

Senior Airman Sergio Berrios, 52nd Medical Group diet therapy technician, practices chest compressions after reviewing CPR techniques in the Heart Saver Automated External Defibrillator recertification course July 26 at Bitburg Annex. Master Sgt. Tammie Atchinson, 117th Medical Squadron, taught the course to members of the 52nd MDG. The American Heart Association changed the training curriculum so this course is good for those needing recertification as well. Contact the 52nd MDG education and training office for more information.

Staff Sgt. Pamela Pope

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degrees. When temperatures climb above 85 degrees, children must be removed from their rooms. Since the center does not have enough extra rooms to keep the children, parents must pick up their children. Parents are credited for time their child is not in the center because of heat. The problem is currently being worked through the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

For more information, call Dee Lorenzen at 452-9212.

Revised shuttle schedule

The 52nd Transportation Squadron revised the Eifel shuttle schedule. Beginning Monday, the new, expanded schedule offers a more predictable shuttle service to Eifel residents.

The new schedule is available on the Spangdahlem Air Base Intranet site, accessible on government computers at <http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil>.

For more information, call vehicle dispatch at 452-6645.

Bike racks

Bicycle racks, which sometimes extend about two feet from the backs of cars in base housing parking lots, can be dangerous to bicyclists in hours of limited visibility. People are asked to put reflective tape on the racks so people can see what is in front of them.

Minimum manning

All agencies in the 52nd Mission Support Squadron, including the military personnel flight, civilian personnel office, education office, safety office and airman leadership school, will be minimally manned Aug. 10 for a commander's call and squadron picnic.

Public affairs office closure

The 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office closes Aug. 10 for an official function.

Greenery recycling

Spangdahlem Air Base institutes a compost contract Wednesday. Containers

marked, "Green waste only," will be available for grass and shrub clippings, tree limbs and dead flowers at Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex recycling centers.

Call 452-5124 for more information.

Longer gas station hours

Spangdahlem Air Base's gas station holds a 90-day expanded hours test. The facility operates 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, according to Stan McGhee, AAFES manager. Depending upon use, McGhee may extend the hours even further.

Bank hours limited

All area Community Bank branches close early Wednesday for staff training. The Spangdahlem AB branch closes at 12:30 p.m. and the Bitburg Annex branch closes at noon.

Munitions inventory

The munitions storage area suspends all

transactions Sept. 4-30 to conduct a 100 percent stockpile inventory. During the inventory, only emergency requests submitted in accordance with directives will be processed. For more information, call Master Sgt. Robert Keyser at 452-6230.

Air Force Ball

The Company Grade Officer's Council-sponsored Air Force Ball takes place at 7 p.m. Sept. 7. This year's theme is "NATO and Spangdahlem Air Base United in Airpower." Tickets are available now by e-mailing Capt. Ratna Contractor.

Vehicle washing

The only authorized vehicle washing area on Bitburg Annex is the services car wash near the gate. German environmental regulations declare Bitburg a water protection zone, therefore, water pollutants and soaps are to be used only in designated areas.

For more information, call the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight at 452-6082.

Wing, Air Force, IDEA awards announced

NCO Academy graduates 11 from Spangdahlem AB, Sijan awards also released

Group quarterly awards

52nd Operations Group

- Capt. Michael Richardson, 22nd Fighter Squadron, CGO
- Manfred Kremer, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, senior-level civilian
- Colleen Williams, 22nd FS, junior civilian
- Master Sgt. Rickley Berry, 606th Air Control Squadron, SNCO
- Staff Sgt. James Sutton, 23rd Fighter Squadron, NCO
- Senior Airman Surita Rorie, 81st Fighter Squadron, airman
- Capt. James Robinson, 23rd FS, flight lead
- Capt. Nathan Connell, 81st FS, wingman
- Capt. Jay Boyd, 22nd FS, instructor pilot
- 52nd Fighter Wing staff*
- Capt. Bill Rogers, 52nd Staff Judge Advocate, CGO
- Cheryl Routzahn, 470th Air Base Squadron, Geilenkirchen, mid-level civilian
- Susan Bradford, 470th ABS, junior-level civilian
- Senior Master Sgt. Douglas Roberts, Detachment 9, Air Force News Agency, SNCO
- Senior Airman Jeremiah Glamann, 470th ABS, airman

Wing quarterly awards

The 52nd Fighter Wing announced its quarterly award winners Wednesday.

- Airman 1st Class Jonathan Bernius, 52nd Component Repair Squadron, airman
- Staff Sgt. Julie M. Rice, 52nd Medical Support

Squadron, NCO

- Master Sgt. Gregory Mann, 52nd Component Repair Squadron, SNCO
- Capt. Michael S. Richardson, 22nd FS, CGO
- Fritz Wagner, 52nd Supply Squadron, junior-level civilian
- Hans Hubert Zell, 52nd Communications Squadron, mid-level civilian
- Manfred Kremer, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, senior-level civilian
- Tech. Sgt. Bennie Lowe, 52nd Logistics Support Squadron, wing volunteer of the quarter
- Bill Wrede, Department of Defense Dependents School, American Red Cross volunteer of the quarter
- Tech. Sgt. Mark A. Buchholz, 22nd Fighter Squadron, resource manager of the quarter
- Airman 1st Class Robert J. Shay, 52nd CES, FOD fighter of the quarter

Airfield operations award

The Air Force recently announced airfield operations awards.

- Tech. Sgt. Fredrick Soechting Jr., 52nd Operations Support Squadron terminal instrument procedures specialist

Lance P. Sijan awards

The 52nd Fighter Wing recently announced the following awards:

- 2001 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award
- Maj. Terry Watkins, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, field grade officer
- Capt. Shawn Campbell, 52nd Services Squadron, CGO
- Senior Master Sgt. Steven Lage, 52nd CES, SNCO
- Tech. Sgt. Albert Moczygemba, 52nd CES, NCO

NCO Academy

Several 52nd Fighter Wing technical sergeants recently graduated from the NCO Academy at Kapaun Air Station, Germany. They are:

- John Edwards, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron
- Alvin Earp, Detachment 17, 372nd Transportation Squadron
- Elvin E. Fowl II, 52nd Component Repair Squadron
- Wilbur Helsham, 23rd Fighter Squadron
- Edwin Pantojafont, 23rd FS
- Eric Jones, 606th Air Control Squadron
- Lee Schafer, 22nd Fighter Squadron
- Brenda Royce, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base, Germany
- Alexander Ragnoli, 22nd FS
- Leonard Shanks, 52nd Support Squadron
- John Teutsch, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

Air Force Academy

Airman 1st Class Eric Browning of the 23rd Fighter Squadron was recently selected to attend the Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

IDEA awards

The following people recently received IDEA awards:

- Tech. Sgt. Derrick Donnelly, 52nd Logistics Squadron, \$800
- Staff Sgt. David Dollin, 22nd FS, \$400
- Tech. Sgts. Daniel Hobbs, 52nd Communications Squadron; Paul Sights, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, and Michael Snow, 22nd FS, \$200
- Staff Sgt. Robbie Britton, 52nd CRS, \$200
- Senior Airman Jaime Rodriguez, 52nd Munitions Support Squadron, \$200

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in which the charge first appeared.

■ A \$20 fee for expedited delivery of cards, which is reimbursable on the travel voucher; no fee will be charged for emergency replacement of lost, stolen or damaged cards while in a travel status.

■ A \$29 fee for returned checks.

■ For cash advances, a fee of \$2 per transaction or 3 percent of the transaction amount, whichever is greater.

■ Reduce credit lines on restricted and standard cards consistent with travel needs.

Bank of America will include the revised terms and agreement policy in the July statements, said Weber. It is for information only, and no action is necessary by the cardholder.

Additionally, future changes include a split disbursement default option and procedures to implement salary offset for delinquent accounts, said Weber.

These changes are expected to take effect later this fall. Additional information will be announced once it becomes available.

"Split disbursement is a convenience option that is already used by thousands of cardholders," Weber said. He said people who want to know the balance on their cards can go online to the Electronic Account Government Ledger System.

Information on how travelers can get access to EAGLS to view their balances on the Internet can be obtained from their unit agency program coordinator or "The Cardholder Program Guide," a booklet available from unit APCs. (Air Force Print News)

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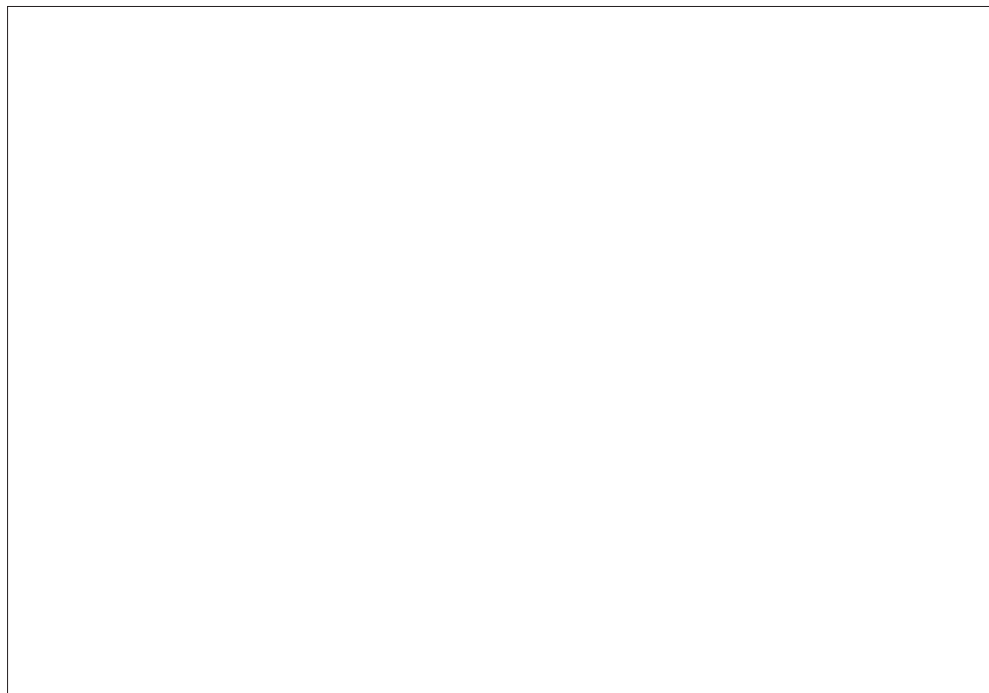
Laura Crain, family child care provider, helps Baylee Hagins, 2, at one of the Spangdahlem Air Base play grounds. People are reminded to never leave children unattended at the play grounds.

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer

Practice makes perfect

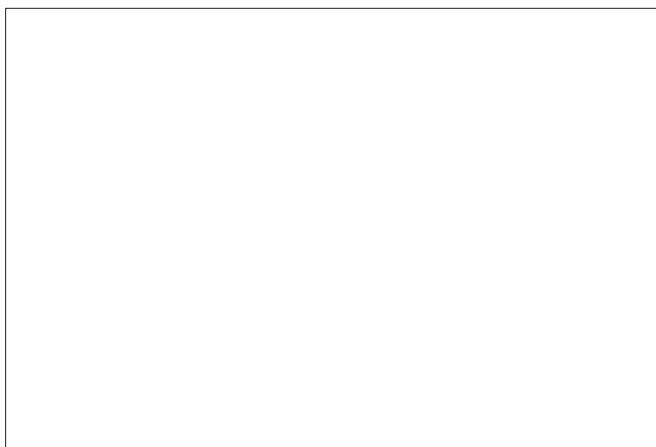
About 500 people from the 52nd Fighter Wing recently deployed to Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, in preparation for an upcoming North Atlantic Treaty Organization Tactical Evaluation scheduled for October, also at RAF Lakenheath.

During the combat employment scenario, wing members were able to test their wartime abilities in order to hone their skills for the upcoming TAC EVAL.



Airman 1st Class Justin Harrington, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, takes aim at agressor forces during a Phase II exercise July 24, 2001. People from the 52nd Fighter Wing deployed to Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, last week in preparation for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Tactical Evaluation in October.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook



Staff Sgt. Jeff Thomas, 52nd Mission Support Squadron, gives a briefing to 52nd Fighter Wing members arriving at the Apple Orchard for their shift at Royal Air Force Lakenheath.



An 81st Fighter Squadron A-10 lands after a sortie during the Phase II exercise at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England.



Airman 1st Class Michael Caldwell, 22nd Fighter Squadron life support, makes adjustments to a pilot's helmet during a Phase II exercise July 24.

Record promotion rates raise questions for some

By Staff Sgt. Matt Miller
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — With promotions to staff sergeant hitting record numbers the last three years, Air Force people may be questioning whether so many senior airmen are qualified to step into the noncommissioned officer corps.

The Air Force announced promotions for 20,793 airmen to staff sergeant July 19 — and more than 56,000 new E-4s since the 1999 cycle.

"Both this and last year's promotion rates give me concern that young airmen are being put into leadership positions before they're ready," said Staff Sgt. Wendy McNabb, NCOIC of the evaluations and decorations section at McChord Air Force Base, Wash. "Some of these people are first-termers who will now be supervising and training even younger airmen."

Others Air Force-wide share McNabb's doubt.

But senior enlisted leaders say the system of preparing and screening new NCOs works. They point to three factors that prepare new staff sergeants — direct supervisor involvement, Airman Leadership School and commander's final review — as safeguards against unqualified NCOs.

The role the supervisor plays, from the time these airmen enter the Air Force, is essential in molding a good NCO, said Chief Master Sgt. Bill Milligan, Air Education and Training Command command chief master sergeant.

"The Air Force doesn't get 10-year NCOs off the street," Milligan said.

"It's the immediate supervisor who directly influences the development of these young airmen. This service

depends on the supervisor to show them how things should be done."

Through mentorship from supervisors, junior enlisted members not only gain valuable job experience, but are also formed into the kinds of leaders the Air Force needs at those levels, he said.

"It's one of the fundamental building blocks of the Air Force," Milligan said. "An essential element that gives our new NCOs the tools to mentor another young airman down the same path."

Then there is professional military education. The Air Force mandates that every senior airman attend the four and a half-week Airman Leadership School prior to sewing on staff sergeant stripes.

"ALS is a key ingredient which prepares individuals for supervisory responsibilities," said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Eitnier, the Air Force's chief of Professional Military Education. "It lays the foundations needed to

help airmen take that next step into the NCO ranks."

More than 180 hours of instruction gives senior airmen an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of an NCO.

"ALS provided some unique training that I feel will help me relate to those I will be supervising in the near future," said Senior Airman Landon Branch, 12th Security Forces Squadron at Randolph AFB, Texas.

"The intricacies of the performance feedback and the (enlisted performance report), performing counseling sessions in front of your peers with real-world scenarios and becoming comfortable speaking to a crowd were all aspects

of leadership school that I will use continually," he said.

The biggest concern with ALS is that there may be more airmen waiting to sew on staff sergeant each month than there are slots at base schools.

"We know there is going to be a large number of senior airmen throughout the force who need to attend ALS because of the recent promotion list," Eitnier said. "But we are optimistic that airman leadership schools across the service will be able to handle the influx of senior airmen needing to attend. It might be a strain on our folks, but they will work hard and get creative to handle the increase. I'm comfortable we'll make it happen, because this education is important."

In the event an airman does not get a school slot, because of overcrowding, prior to his or her sew-on date, procedures are already in place where they will receive back pay and entitlements upon graduation — as if they had been promoted on time.

"The Secretary of the Air Force has given AFPC the ability to correct situations such as this," said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Haley, enlisted promotion and military testing branch chief here. "And though we believe this will be the exception rather than the rule, any senior airmen who are not able to attend school, because they are either deployed or a slot is just not available, will have their promotion date corrected once they graduate."

Finally, unit commanders play a big role in whether an NCO is promoted before he or she is ready, because a commander's recommendation is an essential element of any promotion, Haley said.

"These airmen have done everything that we have asked them to do to be promotion-eligible," Milligan said. "The Air Force relies on supervisors to mentor young troops, ALS to teach senior airmen and commanders to evaluate their men and women. I have the utmost confidence that these recent promotees are fully capable of leading the world's best Air Force into the future. (Air Force Print News)



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**Chief Master Sgt.
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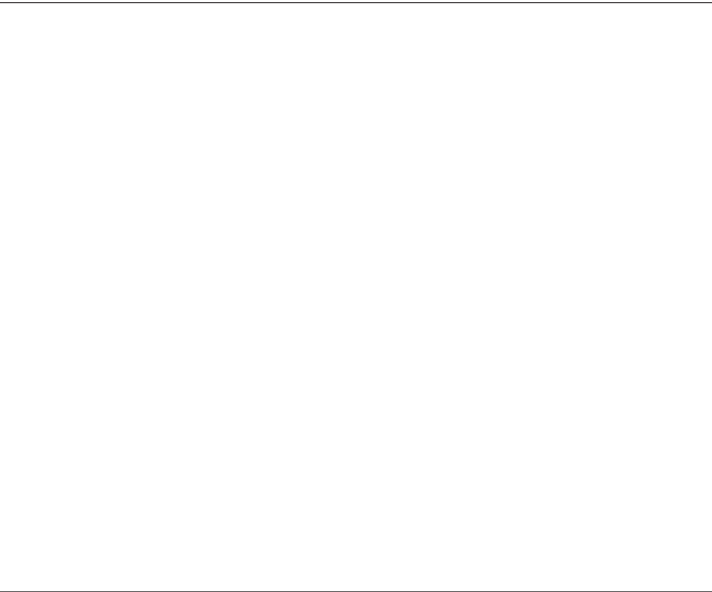
Senior Airman Gregory Marchand, 606th ACS vehicle maintenance technician, tightens coolant hoses on one of the squadron's vehicles following their trip to Kemel, Germany.

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer

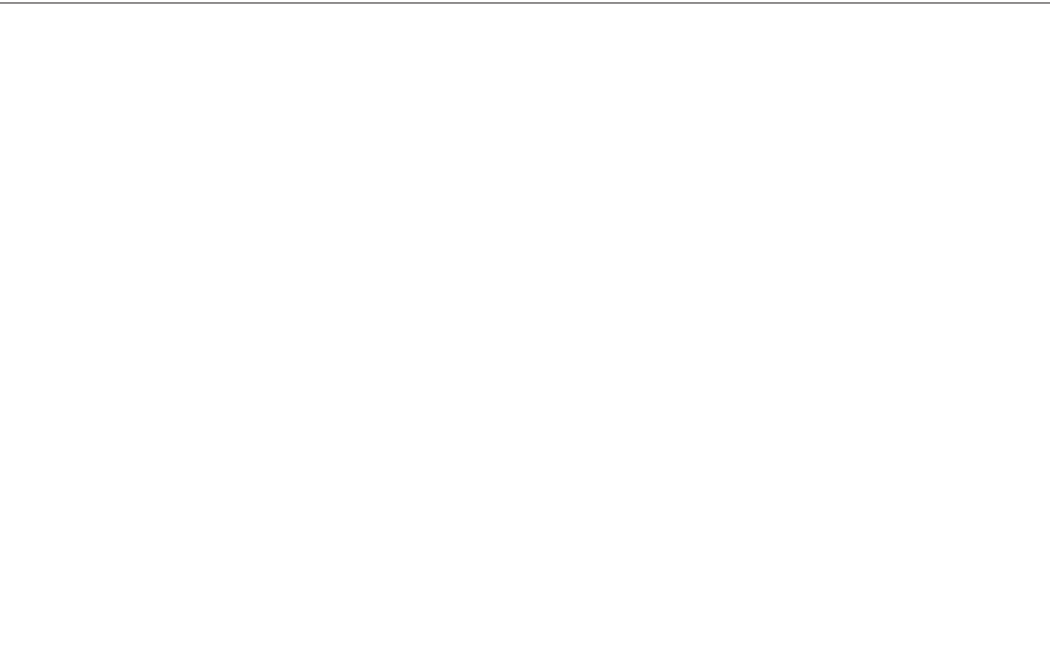
The TPS-75 Ground Controlled Radar system, shown at top center, is one of the 606th ACS' key instruments for monitoring the skies. The system allows squadron members to see up to 200 miles out.

Airman 1st Class Christopher David and Tech. Sgt. Mark Sambenedetto, satellite communications technician, and Airman 1st Class Christopher David, 3rd Squadron 42nd Surface to Air Missile Group, into cu

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(Left) Airman 1st Class Jennifer Junkert, computer technician, performs sector security. (Below) Staff Sgt. Christopher Gray, weapons director, monitors targets during a simulated attack in one of the squadron's operations modules.



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Berry said.

Early Monday morning, with the DIRT behind them, the "games" began. The exercise, which concluded on Wednesday, tested many aspects of the 606th ACS's mission. Squadron members had to deal with rock-throwing protestors, snipers, aggressors, chemical attacks and more.

To make the exercise more realistic, the 81st Fighter Squadron provided A-10 aerial escort for the convoy on its way to the deployed site. Five days later, the A-10s were back — but this time they were the "bad guys" as they flew over the landscape at about 1,000 feet, simulating attacks against the deployed site. Exercise evaluation team members set off

a slew of explosions at the site to give it that final touch.

The 606th ACS members were not just "sitting ducks", however, while the A-10s searched them out. Also participating in the exercise was Germany's 3rd Squadron, 42nd Surface to Air Missile Group. As the A-10s made their approaches, the 42nd SAM Group helped defend the site by firing 7.62 caliber MG-3 machine guns and aiming simulated surface to air missiles at them.

The 42nd SAM Group was also involved on the evaluation side of the exercise, along with various 606th ACS members playing the roles of protestors, snipers and aggressors.

Many from the 606th ACS commented on how impressed they were with the 42nd SAM

Group members.

"I think they are very good," said Airman 1st Class Jennifer Junkert, 606th ACS computer technician. "They seem to do a lot of good planning. They make it (the exercise) very realistic."

On Thursday, after the smoke had settled, squadron members started the long and difficult task of packing everything back up. Earlier today, the 606th ACS said their final farewells to the 42nd SAM Group and headed home.

Dew said that the members of the 606th ACS should feel very proud.

"They've done fantastic," Dew said. "Overall it (the exercise) was very successful. It couldn't have gone any better."

technicians, take simulated aggressive custody Monday.

Community Mailbox

Base-wide flea market

A base-wide flea market takes place at 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the Bitburg Annex French Kaserne. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-7381 or 452-7260 for details.

Family bingo night

Family bingo night takes place from 3-5 p.m. Saturday in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center. Cost is \$1 per card, \$7 for 10 cards and \$3 for the last card of the night. Prizes presented to family and youth players. Call 452-7381 for details.

SMS news

■ Meet Spangdahlem Middle School's new principal, Elizabeth Childs, and the new Parent, Teacher, Student Association President, Mia Checkley from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Spangdahlem Air Base Post Office.

■ New student orientation takes place at 10 a.m. Aug. 15 at the school.

Top Three

The Spangdahlem Air Base Top Three Council meets at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Saber Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. James Rosel at 452-6112.

Substitute teachers

Bitburg Elementary School accepts applications for a substitute nurse, substitute teachers and lunchroom monitors for next school year. Call BES at 452-9131 for more information.

Vacation bible school

The Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel seeks volunteers to help with vacation bible school 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Aug. 10. Children ages 4 years to sixth grade are invited to attend VBS, regardless of religious affiliation. Sign up with the Spangdahlem AB chapel during the week or

at both chapels on weekends. Call Fran Lange at 06575-959857, Donna Coker at 06561-948983 or the base chapel at 452-6711 to register.

Family support center news

■ Travel to Bernkastel, Germany, Sept. 1. Trip includes eating lunch at a vineyard and a wine probe, taking a Mosel River cruise and attending the local wine festival. Cost is \$40 per person. Registration deadline is Aug. 27. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

The following classes take place in building 307 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6422 for details or to register.

■ Financial planning, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

■ Deployment briefing, 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 21 and 28.

■ Basic investing, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 14.

■ Mutual fundamentals, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 21.

■ European job seekers, noon to 1 p.m. Aug. 27.

■ Individual Retirement Accounts, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 28.

The following classes take place in building 2001 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

■ Resume writing, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday and 8-11 a.m. Aug. 21.

■ Federal job application workshop, 8-11 a.m. Tuesday.

■ Interview skills, 1:30-4 p.m. Thursday.

■ Deployment briefing, 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 22 and 29.

■ Tap seminar, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 14-17. Civilian attire encouraged.

■ Sponsorship training, 3-4:30 p.m. Aug. 16.

■ Home buying, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 23.

■ Book club discusses "Ladder of Years," by Ann Taylor, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 28.

■ Travel by train to Luxembourg, 7:30 a.m. Aug. 31. Cost is 50 DM. Meet at the Bitburg Annex commissary.

Skill development center news

The following classes take place in building 189 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6841 for details.

■ Basic auto mechanics, two-day class, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and Aug. 22. Cost is \$20. Call 452-6842 to register.

■ Tole painting, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 20. Cost is \$12.

The following classes take place in building 2002 on the Bitburg Annex. Call Crafts Corner at 452-4141 for details or to register.

■ Tole painting, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 22. Cost is \$12.

■ Basket weaving, 5-9 p.m. Aug. 23. Class fee is \$25. Supplies cost \$15.

Pre-school opportunities

■ The Bunny Club meets at 10 a.m. each Thursday in the Bitburg Annex building 2, stairwell 7-8 playroom. Read your child a favorite story Thursday and enjoy free play Aug. 16. Call Michelle Linnen at 452-3130 for details.

■ Ready, Set, Grow meets at 11 a.m. each Wednesday in Bitburg Annex building 2, stairwell 7-8 playroom. Call Cindy Gabehart at 452-3130 for details.

■ The Spangdahlem playgroup meets at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday in Spangdahlem Air Base military family housing unit 422C. Call Suzanne Furman at 452-8279 for details.

■ Story hour takes place at the Bitburg Annex Library at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday and at the Spangdahlem Air Base Library at 9:30 a.m. each Thursday. Call 452-6203 or 452-9056 for details.

SSEMC news

■ The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Saber Club. For reservations, call Sue Sweeney at 06565-942245 or Misty Tovar at 06575-959369.

■ An overnight shopping and sightseeing trip to Poland takes place Thursday. Call Shawn Hamilton at 06575-959135 to register or for details.

Project Kidcare

Sponsored by the Spangdahlem Base Exchange and the security forces squadron, parents can have their children's photo and fingerprints taken from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 11 at the store. For more information, call Teresa

Gaskins, BX manager, at 452-7017.

Gospel event

Gospel Extravaganza 2001 takes place at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 11 in the Bitburg Annex chapel.

Musician and choir rehearsals take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 7-10 in the same location. For more information, call 452-6711.

Children's theater news

■ Open auditions for the Missoula Children's Theater group presentation, "Beauty Lou and the Country Beast," take place from 9:45 a.m. to noon Monday in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center. Youth ages 5-18 are eligible. Play performances take place at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 11 in the center.

■ A free children's and adult workshop teaching theatrical fundamentals takes place 6-6:45 p.m. Aug. 10. Register for the class by Monday at the base community activities center.

■ The Missoula Children's Theater group seeks a pianist to accompany rehearsals and two play performances. Hours are noon to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday and Aug. 10, and noon to 9 p.m. Aug. 11. The position may have a contract for compensation. Call Cravin Ham or Jake Jacobs at 452-7381 or 452-7260.

Night out

The King Citadel Military Lodge holds a "ladies night out" from 5 to 10 p.m. Aug. 19 in the Saber Club. Dinner is free for women, military or civilian, and men pay \$15. For more information, call Keena Parish at 0177-4969757.

Girl Scouts

Twilight camp takes place from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 22-24 for girls ages 5-17 on Spangdahlem Air Base.

Call Amy Bills at 06561-942085 or e-mail rajarbills@yahoo.com to have a registration form and information sent to you. Early registration cost is \$15 or \$22 the day of the event. Also, volunteers are needed to help chaperone the event. Call Mickey Medlin at 06565-955865 or e-mail jmlmedlin@netscape.net to volunteer.

Firework displays highlight nearby festivals

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

This weekend two popular festivals are happening near Spangdahlem Air Base.

The first one is the Olewig wine festival, which includes a fun-filled entertainment program.

Activities start today at 7 p.m. with the opening of the traditional Weinstrasse. Wine growers from the Mosel and Saar area line up a number of stands in the festival area, offering some of the worlds' finest and most popular wines. At the same time, several local folk-dancing groups can be seen on stage at the festival tent.

One of the highlights of the night is a fireworks display scheduled for 10:30 p.m. Music and entertainment follows in the tent, where people can dance until morning.

Activities continue Saturday at 7 p.m. with the arrival of the local wine queens at the Saint Annenhof wine estate. From there, a parade marches through the streets to the tent where the town mayor officially opens the festival. On schedule is the crowning of the newly elected wine queen, as well as performances by local bands and folk groups, and dance music. All mentioned events take place inside and around the festival tent.

Sunday begins with a church service in the morning, when grapes and wines will be blessed at the Saint Anna Catholic Church. A public wine probe takes place at 8 p.m. in the tent. Music also continues into the evening.

The Olewig wine festival wraps up Monday with more dance music and entertainment at 8 p.m. at the local tent. Amusement park rides are set up throughout the festival and food specialties of the region are available. Keep in mind that the streets of Olewig will be crowded for the fest and parking may be limited before the fireworks

Fireworks light up the night during this past year's Olewig wine festival.

Iris Reiff

display taking place after dark.

To get to the suburb of Olewig take the Autobahn to Trier; stay on the Autobahn. It automatically turns into "Zurmaiener" road, which runs along the Mosel River. Follow the first sign that reads "Europahalle" by turning left. Stay on this road – don't follow another Europahalle sign – and look out for a sign to Olewig.

The second festival is a little bit closer to home, however it is a very small festival. It is the annual Biersdorf lake festival, which takes place today through Sunday. For more than 25 years the residents of

Biersdorf, located about five kilometers northwest of Bitburg, have celebrated the lake festival with a variety of fun events and this year they look forward to including their American neighbors in the celebration.

A tent and a small amusement park can be found not far from the lake. Activities feature musical entertainment by various local associations throughout the day and in the evening hours, as well as dance music later in the evenings. Although this festival is very small one, a fireworks display is scheduled to kick off Sunday at 10 p.m. Parking on the lake is limited prior to the fireworks display.

Out and about

■The 2001 summer season sales at the majority of German stores have just begun and the good deals will continue on through Aug. 11. To make room for the new fall and winter clothing, the last season's fashions and summer merchandise must go. Consequently, the prices have been dropped considerably.

■Visit the Zeltingen-Rachtig wine festival for wine testing, music and entertainment today through Monday.

■Enjoy the AvD-Oldtimer-Grand-Prix Aug. 10-12 at the Nürburgring race track. For more information, visit www.avd.de.

■Visit the 800 year anniversary celebrations of Oberkail, a neighboring community of the base. The entertainment program scheduled Aug. 10-12 includes music, fun and historical displays. The community welcomes American neighbors to the unique festival. More information about the Oberkail Fest will be printed in an upcoming issue of the Eifel Times.

■Shop at a flea market Sunday along the Kinheim Mosel shore,

inside and outside the Kroeve Weinebrunnen hall, inside and outside the Pruem Mehrzweck hall, in front of the Schweich Neukauf market, at the Trier Messepark fairgrounds, at the Idar-Oberstein Vollmersbachtal festival grounds and in the Mainz university parking place.

■Children's entertainmet takes place Thursday at the Koerperich GaytalPark Environmental and Adventure Center. Events start at 3 p.m. Entry is 5 DM per child. For more information, call 06566-96930 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. or visit www.gaytalpark.de.

■Manderscheid holds it's annual historical castle festival Aug. 25-26. More information will be printed in the Eifel Times.

■Reserve tickets to see Thomas Schwab and Band performing one of their highlight rock and pop summer night performances, Aug. 12 at the Trier Amphitheater. The event starts at 8 p.m. and tickets typically sell out quickly. For more information or tickets, call 06531-94407.

■Listen to a concert by Fairground at 9 tonight in

Zeltingen. For more information, visit www.fairground-info.de.

■The Dudeldorf sports club Mixery-Caribic-Night takes place Aug. 17. It features the Gogo Girls, a giant foam cannon and a Caribbean cocktail bar. Entry is 8 DM.

■Get ready for the 2001 Wittlich Pigburners festival taking place Aug. 17-20. A festival schedule will be printed in an upcoming issue of the Eifel Times.

■People interested in joining a Linux users group based in Geilenkirchen, Germany, should contact Chris Bragg at chris@gklug.org or visit the group's Web site at <http://gklug.org>.

■People interested in playing paintball games each Saturday should contact Morgan Bowker at morgan@topsurlf.com or call 06568-93063.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in August. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex Community Center at 452-9120

for more information or reservations.

■Rhein in Flames, Aug. 11. Cost is \$89 per person.

■Cochem Castle medieval dinner, Aug. 11. Cost is \$65 per person.

■Belgian grottos and safari park, Aug. 11. Cost is \$35 for children, \$45 for adults.

■Castles of the Eifel, Aug. 12. Cost is \$30 for children, \$35 for adults.

■Paris overnight, Aug. 18-19. Cost is \$130 for children, \$185 for adults.

■Wittlich Pig Festival, Aug. 18. Cost is \$10 for ages 3-10, \$15 for adults.

■Koln city and chocolate museum, Aug. 18. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$30 for children.

■Rhein River cruise, Aug. 19. Cost is \$29 for children, \$39 for adults.

■London express, Aug. 24-25. Cost is \$89 for ages 3-12, \$90 for adults.

■Mandersheid Jousting Festival, Aug. 25. Cost is \$20 for

ages 3-12, \$25 for adults.

■Disneyland Paris and fireworks show, Aug. 25. Cost is \$85 for ages 3-11, \$95 for adults.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in August. Call 452-7176 for details.

■Valkenburg Castle and cave adventure for ages 13-18, Wednesday. Cost is \$25 per person.

■Cave tour and toboggan riding in Holland, Aug. 11-12. Cost is \$25 per person.

■Eifel Park for ages 6-12, Aug. 15. Cost is \$15 per child.

■Conquer the Zugspitz, Aug. 17-20. Cost is \$165 for people 14 and older.

■Imaginary camping trip for ages 3-5, Aug. 22. Activity is free of charge.

■Luxembourg city bike tour, Aug. 25. Cost is \$25 for people 14 and older without bike rental, \$30 with bike rental.

■Holland North Sea kayak and bike trip, Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Cost is \$150 for people 14 and older.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Today

The Fast and the Furious (PG-13)

Domenic is the leader of a street gang that races Japanese cars. He is under suspicion of stealing expensive electronic equipment. Meanwhile, an undercover police officer attempts to find the person responsible for stealing the equipment, and winds up falling for Domenic's younger sister.

Saturday

The Fast and the Furious (4 p.m.)

Bridget Jones' Diary (R)

Based on the international best-selling novel, Bridget decides it's time to take control of her life and to start keeping a diary. With a taste for adventure and an opinion on every subject, she's turning the page on a whole new life.

Sunday

A Knight's Tale (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

"If a man believes enough, a man can do anything," a poor thatcher tells his son William. But in 14th century Europe, fortunes aren't made, they are predestined. Then, one day at a medieval jousting tournament, fate deals the unheralded William a shot that changes his future.

The Fast and the Furious

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG-13)

In the future, mankind depends upon computers and robots with artificial intelligence to maintain its way of life. This is the story of a robot's emotional journey toward becoming something more.

Thursday

Bridget Jones' Diary

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

A.I.: Artificial Intelligence

Saturday

A.I.: Artificial Intelligence

Sunday

Kingdom Come (PG)

The best and the worst of the Slocumb family are on display when Woodrow "Bud" Slocumb keels over from a stroke. As the town swelters in the summer heat, family tensions reach a boiling point as the Slocumb clan comes together to remember their dearly departed.

Monday

Angel Eyes (R)

While pursuing a suspect, Officer Sharon Pogue nearly becomes the victim of a fatal ambush until a mysterious stranger named Catch intervenes, disarms the assassin and saves Sharon's life. A stroke of luck? A twist of fate? Maybe, but Sharon and Catch have met once before.

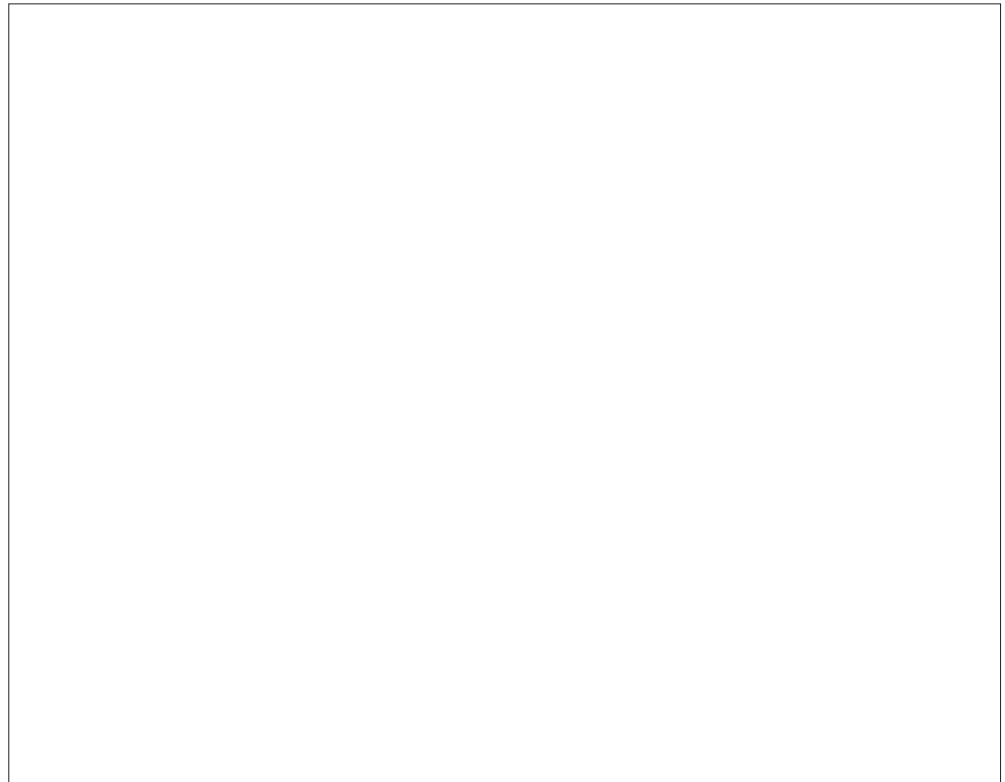
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The Tailor of Panama (R)

British spy Andy Osnard may have been banished to Panama, Central America, but he's got a secret weapon — Harry, an ex-con who has reinvented himself as a tailor to the rich and powerful. Famous for his storytelling, Harry inadvertently sets off a chain of events that threatens his new home and everything he values.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.



Courtesy photos

Eifel region youth wait for their turn to test their skills on the driving simulator, which tests various reactions when driving under the influence of alcohol

Bitburg Polizei laugh in face of crime

Games, exhibitions scheduled for Bitburg law enforcement day

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing
Public Affairs Office

The Bitburg Polizei hosts the "Day of the Polizei," Wednesday in Bitburg on Erdorfstrasse, featuring an open house and street festival. American neighbors are invited to join in the activities to learn about the duties of local police forces and find out how to help prevent crime.

Activities kick off at 10 a.m. with the official opening of the "Polizei Day." Musical performances by the Bitburg music association are scheduled for the opening ceremonies.

At about 11 a.m., the German Polizei President, Manfred Buettner; the State Minister of the Interior and for Sports, Walter Zuber; and the city mayor of Bitburg, Joachim Streit; will welcome visitors. At 12:30 p.m. the Polizei choir will sing, followed by local music performances.

Among the highlights of the event are rescue troop

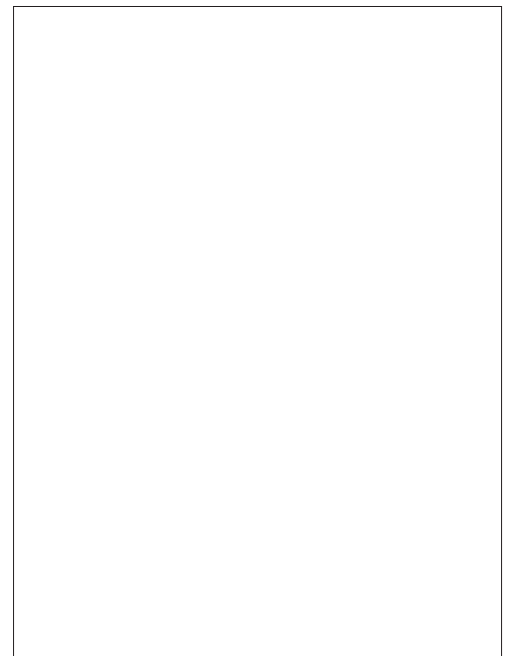
demonstrations at 3 p.m. and a bicycle contest and street ball tournament between 12:30 and 6 p.m.

There will also be safety demonstrations and other safety, as well as exhibitions, featuring vehicles and Polizei equipment. Children's entertainment includes face painting, photo sessions, an air balloon contest and more.

A youngster's disco is scheduled for 5 p.m. at the Bitburg Castel Disco, also located on Erdorfstrasse.

The motto for this year's Polizei Day is "Civil Courage." The Polizei asks people to not look away from criminal actions, but to be alert and help. Always report what you see when it is necessary. Officials said this motto will ring through the event.

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron, which works closely together with the local, German Polizei forces, will also participate in the event with vehicle displays.



Children get a close-up view policei equipment during this past year's law enforcement day.

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Life support: Teaching pilots how to survive

By Maj. Phil Wielhouwer
52nd Operations Support Squadron

The mission of the 52nd Fighter Wing's
operations support squadron is to strengthen its
three flying fighter squadrons and its one air
control squadron through a variety of functions,
with the life support section being one of the
most visible to the base's flyers.

Most of the training accomplished applies
directly to the pilot's survival (hence the
section's name, "life support") on a daily basis,
and in fact, going too long between refresher
courses can ground a pilot until it is
accomplished successfully. So to say this small
but elite group of instructors is vital to the
wing's mission is an understatement.

The wing life support training mission is,
"To train and properly equip all pilots to safely
and effectively complete their mission and
survive should aircraft abandonment become
necessary." Aircrew Life Support Continuation
Training is provided for each pilot and
passenger to refresh and enhance their
proficiency and knowledge in all events. Life
support training prepares pilots and passengers
for both emergency and survival situations, so
hands-on training with actual survival is
imperative for developing and demonstrating
pilot proficiency.

Local Area Survival Training familiarizes
pilots with conditions they could expect to
encounter if an ejection were to occur within

Germany and the pilot wasn't immediately
located and brought back to us. While never a
pleasant thought, this training on basic survival
equipment, local climate and conditions,
hazardous wildlife and rescue techniques is
essential should a pilot find him or herself in
this situation. The equipment and techniques
provided have been developed and evaluated
over decades of U.S. Air Force flying to offer
the best chance for a safe rescue.

One of the classes that complements the local
area course is Life Support Equipment Training.
It's an academic and equipment event where
pilots demonstrate their ability to locate, inspect
and use all equipment carried during a flight. A
pilot carries this equipment on a daily basis
either on their person, in their issued survival
vests and harness or stored aboard the aircraft in
its ejection seat survival kit. Not only are
capabilities, limitations and safety issues
discussed, but also the hazards associated with
improper care, handling and use of the all
personal items - including what the pilot wears
with his flight suit.

Not all flying done by our pilots is over land,
so there are other courses designed to keep them
proficient in case they must survive in water.
This training covers all aspects and differences
associated with water survival. Everything from
how to use their one-man life raft, procure and
store fresh water, signal for help and how to
catch and eat the safest fish, is taught. It

culminates with specific techniques on how to
be safely picked up from the water from either
helicopter or ship.

What about if a pilot finds himself in a
survival situation during contingency
operations? The High Threat Combat Survival
Training is designed for pilots whose duties
require them to fly over enemy territory and
consists of an intense field exercise where they
can operate combat life support equipment,
practice escape and evasion techniques, and
rescue/recovery in a realistic environment. Once
again, lessons learned from as far back as World
War I are applied to ensure the best information
and training are provided.

Wing life support specialists teach each of
these classes and many more. They're experts in
specialized "anti-G" equipment, night vision
goggles, airborne laser pointers and combat
survival techniques.

Each of them has attended the USAF Basic
Combat Survival Course and USAF Water
Survival Course and been through all of the
same survival training as the pilots, plus been
certified as instructors in that course. They're
evaluated and re-certified annually by the wing
life support superintendent.

So next time you see these professionals,
remember the critical role they play in the
wing's mission to "Seek, Attack, Destroy" in
time of need.

Chief's view

By Chief Master Sgt. Jim Finch
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

WASHINGTON — We
recently announced the release of
the staff sergeant selection list - a
time for recognition, celebration
and congratulations.

Promotion to staff sergeant is an
important milestone in any Air
Force career, since it marks the
transition from airman to
noncommissioned officer.

Surprisingly, I've heard a few
comments expressing concern over
the significant number of people
accomplishing this milestone, and
I've received several inquiries
asking why the selection rate was
so high.

Basically, we have had an
increased number of vacancies at
the staff sergeant level, coupled
with a decreased pool of eligible
senior airmen competing to fill
them. This translated to higher
selection rates, as evidenced by this
year's 64 percent and last year's 50
percent.

The increased vacancies can be
attributed in part to the decreased
retention of mid-level NCOs in
recent years and our initiative to
reshape the balance of NCOs to

airmen in our Air Force. In 1999,
we received authorization to
increase the percentage of the Air
Force enlisted force allowed to
serve in the top five grades from
48.5 percent to 56 percent. This
initiative allowed us to start

reducing the
average time
in service
required to
promote our
mid-level
NCOs.

Despite
this
explanation,
some still
speculate
that the real
reason we
increased
promotion
rates was
simply to
improve
retention.
While this
wasn't the
primary goal
behind changing our enlisted force
structure, we do hope earlier
promotions will translate to
improved manning and retention.

As most probably already know,
we are still short mid-level NCOs
in many career fields.

Regarding the few comments
I've heard about promoting people
too quickly, I only need to look at

this year's
selectees to see
we are on track.
Of the 20,793
people named
on this staff
sergeant
selection list,
more than 90
percent received
the top rating on
their most recent
enlisted
performance
report. This tells
me that at least
three people in
their rating
chain believed
they were ready
for immediate
promotion and
were well-
prepared to

assume added responsibilities of
the next rank.

I personally subscribe to the

theory that improving an
organization requires everyone to
ensure their replacements have the
tools, training, and support
necessary for continued success. In
that vein, I urge everyone currently
serving in a supervisory position to
help our new staff sergeant
selectees adjust to their upcoming
role as NCOs.

At times, this can be as simple
as explaining the logic behind
specific decisions or reminding
them of the vital part they play in
executing our Air Force mission.

Keep in mind, these will be the
professionals responsible for
ensuring most tasks are done
correctly. Also, a little recognition
for jobs well done can instill great
confidence in new supervisors.
Lastly, we must provide all
selectees the opportunity to
complete the Airman Leadership
School before their line number
comes due.

Remember, developing the next
generation of enlisted leaders is an
investment in our future. The effort
we give today will ensure they are
prepared to keep our Air Force the
best in the world for years to come.
(Air Force Print News)

**I urge everyone
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Chief Master Sgt.
Jim Finch

BHS sports DoDDS wrestling, football camps

Week-long programs help players perfect techniques, inspire student athletes to victory

By Ethan Lake
Youth wrestling coach

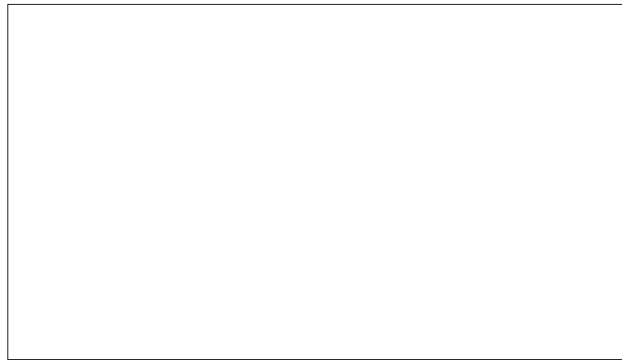
Teen athletes from all over Europe will converge at Bitburg High School for European Wrestling Camp taking place from Aug. 10-14. The following day after, students take the field for the annual Department of Defense Dependent Schools Football Camp taking place through Aug. 17.

The wrestling camp, sponsored by the local Bitburg German/American Wrestling Club, meets in the high school gym. The club was granted the use of the government facilities as a location for the camp, however, the camp itself isn't a DoDEA or Bitburg High School sponsored event.

The program, open to wrestlers throughout Europe ages 12-18 years, consists of nine two- to three-hour sessions. Each session covers basic wrestling techniques. A wrestling competition and awards presentation takes place on the last day of camp.

Wrestlers 12 and younger are also invited to attend with a legal guardian. Camp officials also seek volunteer coaches and people to help in the nonprofit endeavor.

The football camp, sanctioned by DoDEA and sponsored by the Bitburg High School football team, also takes place at the school. The camp, which has been held at Bitburg for the past few years, has been the cornerstone of the Bitburg Barons' road to success. The Barons went undefeated last season making them Division II European Champions two years in a row.



Wrestlers learn and practice holds and how to pin an opponent in sessions held during wrestling camp this past year. Volunteer coaches, including Ken McQuiston (left) and Ryan Wilson (right), make the camp a success for Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe students.

The camp is open to all Defense Department high school dependants. It consists of three days of grueling work on all aspects of football. Players are grouped based on the position they prefer to work on including lineman, quarterback, defensive back and receiver. Each group then concentrates on the fundamentals pertaining to the specific positions, giving each player a chance to perfect their game technique. Practice games and camp competitions take place daily and awards are presented the last day of the camp.

Registration for wrestling camp takes place from 6-10

p.m. Aug. 10 at the high school sports facility. A social potluck dinner takes place at 7 p.m. the same day. Early registration can be done before Aug. 10 by e-mailing bitburgwrestlingclub@yahoo.com. People registering by Aug. 6 receive a discount on camp costs.

Formal registration for the football camp takes place from 1-6 p.m. Aug. 14 at the high school sports facility. Bitburg High School football players must attend a mandatory meeting at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 13. For more information, call the Bitburg High School at 452-9337.

Eifel Sports World

Celebrity visit

Kym Hampton of the Women's National Basketball Association New York Liberty Basketball Team model and singer visits the 52nd Services Squadron Youth Programs Office, building 427, 4:15-5:45 p.m. and the Bitburg Annex Fitness Center at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday. Call 452-7381 or 7260 for details.

Swimming lessons

The Eifel Sharks swim team conducts swimming lessons Aug. 13. Register from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday in the Bitburg Annex Youth Programs office or the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center. Call Karen Boggs at 06565-932121 or Laura Darden at 06561-604768 for details.

Softball tournament

The Boy Scout Packs 161 and 165 scouts vs. parents and teachers softball tournament takes place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday on the Bitburg Annex softball fields. Everyone is invited to come out and cheer for their favorite team.

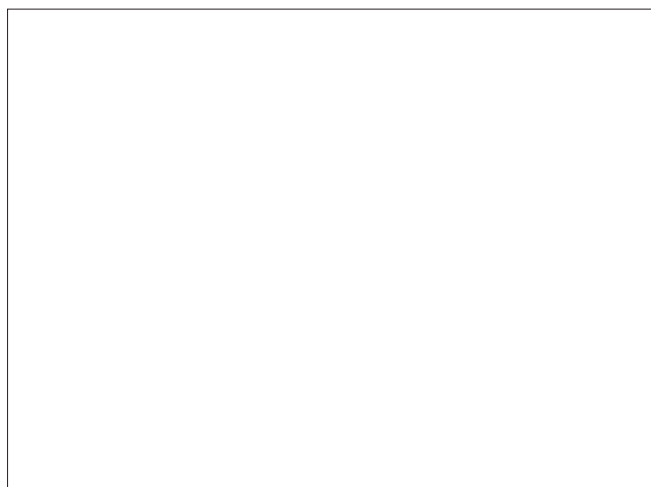
Eifel Sharks

The team seeks swim coaches for its upcoming season. Call Karen Boggs at 06565-932121 or Laura Darden at 06561-604768 for details.

Eifel Mountain news

■Family day pancake breakfast takes place at 9 a.m. Sunday. Breakfast costs 75 cents per plate.

■A children's summer golf clinic take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday for youth



Austin, 7, Justice, 5, and Jessica, 6, cool down from the summer heat as Joanna Crain sprays them with a hose in the Spangdahlem Air Base military family housing area.

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer

ages 6-10. A clinic for ages 11-15 takes place Aug. 13. Lessons include posture, grip alignment, chipping, putting, half and full swing video analysis and a short competition. All participants go on to compete in the end of summer tournament in late August.

■The two-day club championship tournament takes place at 8 a.m. Aug. 11. Cost is \$25 plus greens fees.

■The Eifel Mountain Open takes place Aug. 25-26. Only 72 people qualify for the tournament featuring individual stroke play and handicaps. Cost is \$25 plus greens fees.

■Get a free Club House Special breakfast plate with the purchase of a \$20 range card.

Call 452-6821 for details or to register.

Fun run/walk

Practice now for the 52nd Services Squadron End of Summer 5K fun run/walk, taking place 10 a.m. Aug. 30. Call 452-6634 for details.

HAWC news

The following classes take place at the

Health and Wellness Center in Spangdahlem Air Base building 192. Call 452-9355 for details or to register.

■Women of Iron weight lifting class, 1-3 p.m. Thursday and 9-11 a.m. Aug. 16.

■Weight Training 101, 1-3 p.m. Aug. 23.

■Fitness 101, 9-11 a.m. Thursday and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 16.

■Better nutrition, 1-2:30 p.m. Aug. 15.

Soccer and flag football

Registration for youth soccer and flag football takes place now through Aug. 17. Call the youth programs office at 452-6729 for more information.

Aerobics classes

Free aerobics classes take place daily before and after normal duty hours in the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex fitness centers. Although active-duty military members have priority, classes are open to military family members on a space-available basis. Call 452-6634 or 452-9174 for times and dates.

Eifel Lanes news

■League bowlers practice for \$1.50 per game 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

■Families play at discounted prices noon to 4 p.m. each Sunday. Children play for \$1.25 per game and adults for \$1.50.

■Glo-bowling takes place at 6 p.m. each Saturday.

Call 452-6217 for more information.